

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Eyler and Examiner Lucas for the helpful telephonic interviews of today. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiners' indication that claim 7 as previously amended overcomes the art based rejection. As discussed, in order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicants have cancelled claim 21 and amended claim 22 to delete its reference to claim 21, without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter in another application.

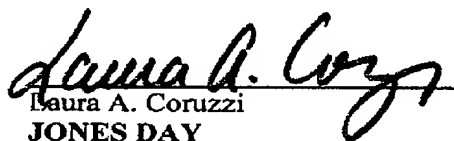
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the present remarks and amendments be entered and made of record in the instant application. A Notice of allowance or allowability and declaration of an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,033,886 to Conzelmann is earnestly sought. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned with any questions or concerns regarding the above.

No fee is believed to be required for this response. However, should any fee be due, please charge the required amount to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Respectfully submitted,

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